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CIA Proposal to Plug Leaks Is Shelved

The Reagan administration tentatively has dropped a Central Intelligence Agency proposal to make it a crime for government employees to disclose national secrets without authorization, officials said yesterday.

A unanimous decision to set aside the proposal was made at an inter-agency group meeting this week, the officials said.

Officials said the group decided

that if the administration is to seek a change, it will do so later as part of a single piece of legislation. "There is still a concern about this problem" of unauthorized disclosure, one official said, but it was decided not to seek a change in the law through a provision in the CIA reauthorization.

If such legislation is sought eventually, the official said, the decision will be made "at a high level."